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SUBJECT: LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY-77 NAGOYA REGIONAL TEAM

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NAGOYA TEAM WISHES DEPART MAY 20. ADVISE IF FEASIBLE.

FOLLOWING STUDY OBJECTIVES:

GENERAL THEME: ROLE OF UNIONS IN U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

ACTIVITIES. SPECIFICS: FEDERAL ROLE IN FORMULATING ECONOMIC

POLICY AND MANAGING ECONOMY. GOVERNMENT POLICY ON MUTINATIONAL

CORPORATIONS. RELATIONSHIP OF FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS

WITH EMPHASIS ON LABOR LEGISLATION.

U.S. TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION, INDUSTRIAL AND CRAFT: COM-

MUNICATION AND INTERPLAY BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS AND LOCALS.

UNION ORGANIZING EFFORTS AND UNION FINANCES. POLITICAL

ACTIVITIES OF U.S. UNIONS DRUING AND BETWEEN ELECTIONS.

COMPARISON OF U.S. AND JAPANESE UNION: WAGES AND WORKING

HOURS, FRINGE BENEFITS, HOW COLA WORKS ETC.

U.S. JOB SECURITY VS JAPAN'S LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT

SYSTEM. DIFFERENT CONCEPT AND APPLICATION OF

SENIORITY. PENSION PLANS AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLANS. STATUS AND

TREATMENT OF WOMEN WORKERS IN U.S. AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND ITINERARY:

WASHINGTON: BRIEFINGS AT AFL-CIO, DOL, NLRB, ERDA,

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EPA, APPROPRIATE UNION OFFICERS SUCH AS UAW. VISIT

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

NEW YORK: ELECTRIC POWER (IBEW), TEXTILE OR CLOTHING

WORKER (ILGWU) AND METAL (IAM) UNIONS. UN, CITY HALL,

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (TALK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS SPECIALIZING IN

JAPANESE), MUSEUMS, BROADWAY PLAY. ALSO NUCLEAR ENERGY POWER PLANT

IN AREA. IF POSSIBLE OBSERVE MANHATTAN BY PLANE OR BOAT.

WISH TO TAKE METROLINER, DC TO NYC.

ATLANTA: APPROPRIATE UNION LCOALS IN AREA, JAPANESE

PLANTS OR JOINT VENTURE OPERATIONS, HOME VISIT.

ST. LOUIS: CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL, PORT FACILITIES,

FARMS IN AREA, UNION LOCALS.

OKLAHOMA CITY: OIL AND NATURAL GAS REFINERIES; URBAN

PLANNING PROJECTS, HOME VISIT.

 $LOS\ ANGELES:\ (VIA\ LAS\ VEGAS)\ LOCAL\ UNIONS,\ U.S.\ TOYOTA$

OFFICES, CITY HALL, DISNEYLAND, HOLLYWOOD, TELEVISION

STATION.

SAN FRANCISCO: BART SYSTEM, FISHING INDUSTRY,

CHINATOWN, JAPAN CULTURAL CENTER. WILLIAM GOULD,

PROFESSOR OF LABOR LAW AT STANFORD.

HONOLULU: SIGHTSEEING AND REST STOP.

REQUEST GRANT DOCUMENTS SOONEST.

COMMENT. TEAM REPRESENTS EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES

IN HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED NAGOYA, WHERE THERE IS NOW

WORRY OVER POSSIBILITY OF US-JAPAN "TRADE WAR" AS

RESULT OF RECENT ITC DECISION ON COLOR TELEVISION

SETS AND POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER US RESTRICTIONS ON

JAPANESE IMPORTS. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT TEAM

MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION STAFF FOR

BRIEFING ON WORKINGS OF 1974 TRADE ACT. WE ALSO

RECOMMEND MEETINGS WITH US SENATE AND/OR HOUSE

COMMITTEE STAFFERS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

MATTERS. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR TEAM TO GRASP

EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN US AND CARTER ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

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